

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is an effective tool for managing growth and sustainable development, revitalizing neighborhoods, fostering local pride and maintaining community character while enhancing livability; and

**WHEREAS**, historic preservation is relevant for communities across the nation, both urban and rural, and for Americans of all ages, all walks of life and all ethnic backgrounds; and

**WHEREAS**, it is important to celebrate the role of history in our lives and the contributions made by dedicated individuals in helping to preserve the tangible aspects of the heritage that has shaped us as a people; and

**WHEREAS,** "Discover America's Hidden Gems" is the theme for National Preservation Month 2012, cosponsored by Peerless Rockville Historic Preservation, Ltd. and the National Trust for Historic Preservation

**NOW, THEREFORE,** the Mayor and Council of Rockville, do proclaim May 2012 as National Preservation Month, and call upon the people of Rockville to join their fellow citizens across the United States in recognizing and participating in this special observance.

Councilmember John F. Hall, Jr.

Councilmember Bridget Donnell Newton

Councilmember Tom Moore

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